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SUBJ: SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT TO INDIA--WREATH LAYING AT

GANDHI MEMORIAL

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1. FOLLOWING ANSWERS KEYED TO QUESTIONS POSTED REFTEL.

(A) WE SUGGEST THAT MRS. SIMON ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY.
SUCH CEREMONIES ARE GENERALLY VERY SMALL.

(B) AN EMBASSY VEHICLE WILL BE AT ROOSEVELT HOUSE AT 0910
HOURS TO TRANSPORT SECRETARY AND MRS. SIMON PLUS AN EMBASSY
OFFICER TO RAJGHAT. WE ASSUME THAT SECRET SERVICE
PERSONNEL WILL ALSO RIDE IN THE CAR AS WILL AS IN THE CAR
BEHIND THE SECRETARY. THE EMBASSY VEHICLE WILL DRIVE THE
20 MINUTES TO RAJGHAT ARRIVING THERE AT 0930.

(C) AT THE MEMORIAL SECRETARY AND MRS. SIMON WILL BE MET BY A
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GANDHI MEMORIAL COMMITTEE WHO WILL
ESCORT THEM TO THE MEMORIAL.

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(D) AN EMBASSY MILITARY ATTACHE WILL PRECEDE THE SECRETARY

TO RAJGHAT WITH THE WREATH. WHEN THE SECRETARY ARRIVES
THE MILITARY ATTACHE WILL WALK IN FRONT OF THE SECRETARY
AND MRS. SIMON WITH THE WREATH. THERE WILL BE A BRIEF HALT
TO REMOVE OR COVER SHOES, FOLLOWING WHICH THE ENTOURAGE WILL
MOVE HALF-WAY AROUND THE LOW BLOCK OF BLACK GRANITE WHICH IS
THE MEMORIAL. THE ATTACHE WILL PLACE THE WREATH, AND THE
SECRETARY MAY WISH TO BEND DOWN AND ADJUST IT SLIGHTLY.
UPON RISING THE SECRETARY AND MRS. SIMON WILL STEP BACK AND
OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE. THE SECRETARY AND MRS. SIMON
WILL COMPLETE THEIR CIRCUMAMBULATION OF THE MEMORIAL
OBSERVING SAMPLES OF GANDHI'S WRITINGS. WHEN THIS HAS
BEEN COMPLETED THEY WILL PROCEED TO THEIR VEHICLES FOR THE
RIDE BACK TO ROOSEVELT HOUSE. THE CEREMONY WHOULD TAKE
APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES, AND THE SECRETARY SHOULD BE BACK
AT ROOSEVELT HOUSE A LITTLE AFTER 1000 HOURS.
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